

HOUSE BILL 1162  
By Davidson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-120,  
regarding confidentiality of research records and materials.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-120, is amended by adding a  
new subsection (f), new subsection (g), and new subsection (h) as follows:

(f) Data from human subject research and personally identifiable information  
about the subjects shall not be open to public inspection.

(g) Proprietary information including computer programs and software and other  
types of information manufactured or marketed by persons under exclusive legal right  
and licensed to Tennessee state boards, agencies, or higher education institutions shall  
not be open to public inspection; provided, however, computer programs and software  
and other types of information produced by state or higher education employees at state  
expense shall be available for inspection as part of an audit or legislative review  
process.

(h) Public body may keep confidential any information related to research, the  
disclosure of which could affect the conduct or outcome of the research, the ability to  
patent or copyright the research, or any other proprietary rights any entity might have in  
the research or the results of the research; including, but not limited to, trade secrets  
and commercial or financial information obtained from an entity financing or cooperating

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in the research, research protocols, and research notes, data, results or other unpublished writing about the research.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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